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**Government Reform Subcommittee to Review
*“The American Community Survey: The Challenges of
Eliminating the Long Form from the 2010 Census”***

What: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census Hearing on Eliminating the Long Form from the 2010 Census

When: Tuesday, May 13, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building

Background:

This hearing will further explore the American Community Survey (ACS) and the challenges of eliminating the long form from the 2010 Census. Congress has been overseeing the development of the ACS for several years now. The goal is to continue to gather information so that Congress can make a final determination on full ACS funding later this year.

The data-using community remains excited about the potential full implementation of the ACS, as it offers more timely, quality data for federal, state and local governments as well other data users. The Census Bureau began developing the Survey in the mid 1990s and has been collecting ACS data in a development program since 1996. If fully implemented the ACS would eliminate the costly and burdensome long form from the 2010 Census.

Some Members of Congress and the public criticized the 2000 Census Long Form as too burdensome and intrusive. Through careful development, testing, and the smaller

annual sample of the ACS, the Census Bureau intends to mitigate concerns and criticisms associated with the long form.

Witnesses:

Kathleen B. Cooper, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce

C. Louis Kincannon, Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Thomas Reardon, Executive Director, Fulton County Partnership, McConnellsburg, Pa.

Dr. Joseph Salvo, Director, Population Division, NYC Department of City Planning

Joan Naymark, Director Research and Planning, Target Corporation

Ken Hodges, Director of Demography, Claritas

Richard Ogburn, Principal Planner, South Florida Regional Planning Council

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